

senior cub camp



During the 10th to the 12th of April, I had the gracious opportunity to staff the Senior Cub Camp as a Quartermaster! This role mainly consisted of the other members of my patrol and me carrying suspiciously heavy objects from one side of Hawequas to the other, setting up activities and bases, and putting them away again. Although the work was difficult, it was still some of the most fun I've ever had on a camp that I've staffed! Even while exhausted, there was always something happening, whether it was joking around while setting up activities, working together as a patrol, or seeing the Cubs genuinely enjoying the programme that we helped put together. Seeing all the behind-the-scenes work finally come together made all the effort worth it.

A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into setting up the night hike and putting together the campfire for the Cubs. While setting up the night hike, I may or may not have completely lost my footing and tumbled down a slope. This inspired Denton (the SGL of 1st Ironwood and the big boss of the Quartermaster team) to create the phrase "Slading it" (full credit goes to him), meaning the complete opposite of "slaying it". The phrase then followed me around for basically the entire weekend, and was probably one of the most-used phrases at camp.





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Despite the occasional clumsiness, it was genuinely spectacular seeing all the planning come together once the Cubs started the activities. The campfire was definitely one of the highlights of the weekend, with songs, skits, and the usual chaos and goofiness that somehow always makes campfires memorable.



I also had the opportunity to help lead the Cubs Own, which was a really interesting and rewarding experience, and definitely a nice change from hauling equipment around all day. During the Cubs Own, I asked the Cubs questions about what they could hear, smell, touch, and even taste around them. I also asked them what their favourite Scout Law was and why. Some of their answers were surprisingly thoughtful, while others were honestly pretty hilarious, but it was really nice seeing how engaged everyone was.

One of the biggest highlights was definitely the food. The catering team absolutely carried the camp and somehow kept producing amazing meals for a very hungry group of Scouts, Cubs, and staff. My Patrol Leader, Caleb, and I also earned the wonderfully prestigious title of "unofficial taste-testers" for the Cubs' cooking activity, which included boerewors, vegetables, bread, and apple crumble. Amazingly, the Cubs cooked really well, and we both survived the experience, so I'd call that a win!



Although being a QM could be exhausting at times, staffing the camp gave me a much greater appreciation for how much dedication and effort goes into making events like this happen. Seeing the Cubs running around, chasing mentors, and genuinely enjoying themselves definitely made all the heavy lifting and "Slading it" worth it. I'd definitely staff Senior Cub Camp again in the future!

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